



Saint John of God Community Services Liffey Services

Job Description

Post:	Basic Grade Psychologist
Location:	St John of God Community Services clg., Liffey Services or any other location attached to the Service.
Responsible to:	Regional Director
Reporting to:	Principal Psychologist

Hospitality, Compassion, Respect,

Person Specification:

Qualifications:

- Hold a recognised University Degree or Diploma with first or second-class honours in which Psychology was taken as a major subject and honours were obtained in that subject
- Hold a professional post-graduate qualification in Clinical Psychology or Counselling Psychology recognised by the Psychological Society of Ireland.
- Applicants with a counselling psychology qualification must demonstrate that they have acquired in appropriate health setting for the areas for which they wish to apply – Disability Adults and Child either at least 60 days or equivalent supervised clinical placements as part of the professional qualification or at least 60 days or equivalent post qualification supervised work experience as a psychologist.
 - Qualifications obtained outside of the Republic of Ireland must be validated by the Department of Health and Children and proof of validation must be submitted with application.

Professional Knowledge

- Experience in completing assessments (formal psychometric testing; behavioural observations; structured interviewing) for adults with an Intellectual Disability.
- Experience in the design, implementation and monitoring of behavioural and therapeutic interventions

- Excellent communication skills
- Applications must possess a full clean driving licence and access to a car

Experience:

- Experience of working with adult with an intellectual disability

Job Goal

- To assist in the delivery of psychological services to Adult Service Users in St. John of God Liffey Services

Duties & Responsibility:

- To facilitate a Person Centred Approach in the psychological assessment and therapeutic provision of adult service users.
- To work as a member of the interdisciplinary team to provide an integrated and co-ordinated service to all service users, staff and their families.
- To undertake a workload in agreement with the Principal Psychologist
- To develop and implement positive behaviour support plans.
- To carry out assessments as required.
- To design, implement & monitor individual and group interventions, therapy and skills teaching with service-users, their support teams and families where appropriate.
- To assist in the provision of Psychology Department/ MDT training to staff, service users and families (formally and informally).
- To assist in setting up of and participation at Service User Review Meetings/MDT Meetings/Case conferences where appropriate
- To attend and participate in clinical team meetings, Departmental meetings and other meetings as required.
- To participate in supervision with the Principal and/or Senior Psychologist
- To maintain confidential, accurate and up to date records, as per St. John of God Policies and GDPR
- Ensure maintenance of required professional standards, ethics and discipline guidelines.

- To undertake specific research projects as specified by the Principal Psychologist.
- To participate in organisational and other training/CPD as deemed appropriate
- To maintain all such records and statistics appropriate to the Department as are necessary and to furnish returns as required.
- To keep abreast of developments in the field of psychology and intellectual disability.
- To report any irregularities her/she may observe.
- To carry out other duties appropriate to the role of a Psychologist, which may from time to time be specified by the Principal Psychologist or other designated person.
- This job description will be subject to review in light of experience and/or changing circumstances and will include other duties appropriate to the post as may be reasonably determined by the Director or the designated nominee.

CONFIDENTIALITY

Ensure confidentiality is kept as a priority and information is disseminated through the appropriate channels on a need to know basis.

In the course of your employment you may have access to or hear information concerning the medical or personal affairs of service users and/or staff or other Centre/Service business. Such records and information are strictly confidential and unless acting on the instructions of an authorised officer, on no account must information concerning staff or clients or other Centre business be divulged or discussed except in the performance of normal duty. In addition, records must never be left in such a manner that unauthorised persons can obtain access to them and must be kept in safe custody when no longer required.

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